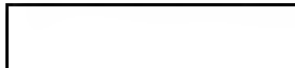


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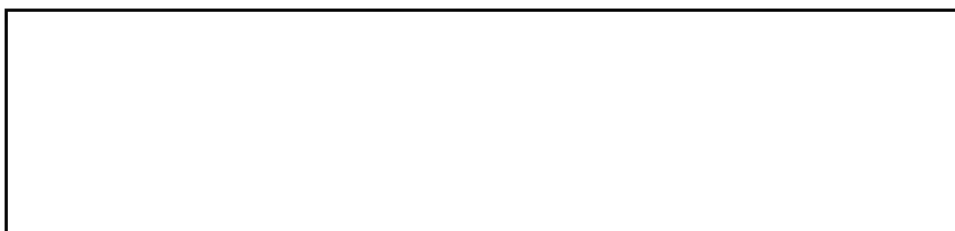
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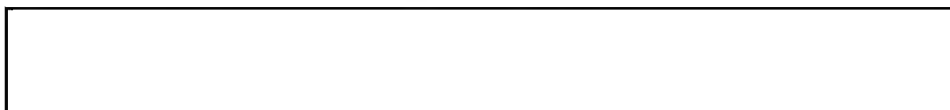
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France-NATO: The rift between France and the NATO allies over the status of French forces in Germany has widened.

In July the French rejected two proposals of the Fourteen that outlined a framework under which negotiations should proceed. A new proposal made recently has also been rejected by the French, even though it followed a procedure endorsed publicly last June by all the foreign ministers, including France's Couve de Murville. In rejecting the most recent proposal, the French member of the council claimed that Couve's June endorsement had been made without President de Gaulle's approval and was now being "withdrawn."

The Fourteen appear divided on how they should now proceed. They could call a special foreign ministers' meeting to attempt to resolve the issue, or they could have their permanent representatives on the council instruct SACEUR and let the French issue their own instructions to their military representative. On the other hand, they could do nothing and allow the interim French and German arrangements covering the status of French forces in Germany suffice for the present.

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Brazil: A political showdown between President Castello Branco and members of Congress is developing which could result in the President's recessing Congress.

Adauto Cardoso, president of the lower house, has refused to accept Castello Branco's authority to cancel congressional mandates without ratification of such moves by the Congress itself. Cardoso has allowed the six congressmen whose mandates were voided on 12 October to continue their normal functions and has permitted them to thwart arrest by remaining in the Congress building.

The government has reportedly delivered a 48-hour ultimatum to Congress to cease its defiance or face severe reprisals.

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By their defiance of the President, opponents of the regime may hope to emphasize the arbitrary nature of the government.

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Israel-Syria: Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol declared Tuesday that "there will be war" if border incidents do not cease. Nevertheless, yesterday's clash between Israeli security forces and Syrian infiltrators on the Israeli-Syrian border probably will not draw Israeli retaliation as long as the UN is still seized with Israel's complaint against Syria. Thereafter, continued terrorism will almost certainly draw a strong military retaliation from Israel, whatever the outcome in the UN.

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Uruguay: Public uneasiness is increasing as the drawn-out labor crisis continues. Communist-led unions have not ceased their agitation as the government had expected, following the conclusion of the congressional session on 15 October. They are now trying to force the convening of a special session of congress to push through additional wage and labor benefits. The government is reluctant to take strong measures to halt labor unrest because of the 27 November general elections. Although the US Embassy knows of no moves being planned by the military, coup rumors have begun again. [REDACTED]

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